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1. The attached folder contains the most complete Guatemalan Army Order of Battle data at LINCOLN. The first section is taken from a report prepared in Spanish by RUFUS from information received from SECANT. The date of information is January 1954. The second section is a report from Stephen R. LUGTON who obtained the data from SECANT in January 1954. The third section is an extra copy of USAIRA Guatemala report IR-47-52 which may have been forwarded to LINCOLN in error in December 1953.
2. No attempt has been made to organize this data into report form because of lack of personnel and the time factor. Inquiries are in the field to confirm these reports and as this additional information is received, it will be forwarded to Headquarters.

Attachment: 1, as stated.

JEROME C. DUNBAR

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GUATEMALA

1. Leaders: (a) Political--President, Col Jacobo ARBENZ Guzman; Foreign Minister, Raul OSEGUEDA; Minister of National Defense, Col Jose Angel SANCHEZ. (b) Armed Forces--Chief of Armed Forces, Col Carlos Enrique DIAZ; no known joint intelligence organization. (c) Army--Chief of Staff, Col Enrique PARINELLO de Leon; G-2, Maj Victor M. GORDILLO TL (d) Navy--None. (e) Air Force--Chief of Air Force, Col Luis A. GIRON C.

2. Military Strength and Organization:

Army	6,000	
Air Force (1 Oct 52)	230	Total acft, 39; major units, none
TOTAL	6,230	

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GUATEMALAN ARMY ORDER OF BATTLE

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013 Summary

The following report on the Guatemalan Army order of battle was prepared by SECANT on the basis of all reports he has received to date. These figures only include those troops stationed at the headquarters of each of the military districts and do not include those small detachments throughout the provinces. Source has been requested to obtain full data on all the detachments distributed through the provinces as well as complete information on the number and type of arms at each one of the garrisons.

Commander in Chief:	Lt. Col. Jacobo ARBENZ Guzman
Chief of the Armed Forces:	Lt. Col. Carlos Enrique DIAZ
Minister of Defense:	Lt. Col. José Angel SANCHEZ
Chief of Staff:	Col. José Leon PARINELLO
General Staff:	
G-1:	Lt. Col. Gildardo MONZON P.
G-2:	Lt. Col. Victor M. GORDILLO
G-3:	Lt. Col. Guillermo RENDON
G-4:	Col. Victor Vicente QUILO

(None of the above has had any combat experience).

TROOPS

Composition: Two infantry regiments which are distributed as follows throughout the capital and the six military zones:

Central Zone

First Infantry Regiment with headquarters in the Guardia de Honor.

Commanding Officer:	Col. José BARZANALLANA
Executive Officer:	Lt. Col. José Santos GARCIA Corzo
Third in Command:	Lt. Col. Victor RODRIGUEZ (El Loco)

Strength: One battalion

Organization of the battalion located in the Guardia de Honor.

	Officers	Men
Battalion staff	9	22
Staff and services company	5	64
<u>Infantry battalion</u>		
Staff	5	4

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Heavy weapons company		
Staff	2	5
HMG platoon		
Staff	1	2
4 squads HMG	0	24
Platoon of 81 mm. mortars		
Staff	2	1
3 squads 81 mm. mortars	0	21
First infantry company		
Staff	2	6
Platoon of supporting weapons		
Staff	2	2
Ammunition squad	0	9
Light machine gun section		
Staff	0	2
2 squads light machine guns	0	12
60 mm. mortar section		
Staff	0	2
3 squads of 60 mm. mortars	0	21
3 platoons of riflemen		
Staff	3	6
9 squads of riflemen	0	81

(The SECOND AND THIRD RIFLE COMPANIES HAVE THE SAME ORGANIZATION AS THE FIRST, i.e., A TOTAL OF 7 OFFICERS AND 141 MEN)

Light tank company		
Staff	1	3
Reconnaissance platoon	2	2
Two reconnaissance sections	0	32
Scout section	0	10
Tank platoon		
Staff	1	3
First tank section	1	7
Second tank section	0	8
37 mm. anti-tank platoon		
Staff	2	7
4 anti-tank sections	0	32
105 mm. Howitzer battery		
Staff	1	2

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Spotter and communications section	1	13
Fire group	1	3
2 Howitzer platoons	2	40
Forward observations	1	2
Medical platoon	2	12
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TOTAL STRENGTH GUARDIA DE HONOR	60	728

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Second Infantry Regiment

The Second Infantry Regiment of the Base Militar at La Aurora has the same organization as that of the First of the Guardia de Honor, i.e., staff personnel in this regiment are equipped with carbines and Maüsser or Czech rifles and the infantrymen with Maüsser or Czech rifles, each man having a permanent munitions allowance of 100 rounds.

Command Staff of the Second Regiment (Base de La Aurora):

Commanding officer: Col. Pablo DIAZ
Executive officer: Col. Lizandro ORTIZ
Third in command: Lt. Col. Pedro RODRIGUEZ V.

(None of the above has had any combat experience).

Presidential mansion:

	Officers	Men
✓ One infantry company	7	141
✓ One heavy weapons company	5	53
Total	<u>12</u>	<u>194</u>

Escuela Politecnica (Special Regiment):

✓ Students	35	140
Instructors	25	60

Military Zones Type "A"

No. 2 (Zacapa)

Commanding officer: Col. Agustin Moreno
Executive officer: Lt. Col. Jorge Hernandez

✓ Three infantry companies (7 officers and 141 men in each)	21	423
✓ One heavy weapons company (only machine guns)	5	53
✓ 1 75 mm. battery	6	75
✓ Staff and services company		99

No. 5 (Quezaltenango)

✓ The same as Zacapa. The only difference is that they have a battery of 70 mm. Sait Chamond.

Commanding officer: Col. José Mayer
Executive officer: Lt. Col. Federico Ochoa
Third in command: Lt. Col. Saul Rodas

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No. 3 (Jutiapa)

	Officers	Men
✓ Four infantry companies	28	564
✓ One heavy weapons company	5	53
✓ 1 42 mm. battery	6	75
Total	<u>39</u>	<u>692</u>

Military Zones Type "B"

No. 6 (Quiche)

✓ Services company	10	90
✓ One infantry company	7	141
✓ One heavy weapons company	5	53
✓ One battery with 2 42 mm.	6	75
Total	<u>28</u>	<u>359</u>

7 Note: Zones Nos. 1 and 4 have the same organization as No. 6.

NOTE: Where the word staff appears it is a direct translation of "grupo de mando" which could probably best be interpreted as platoon or squad leaders.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. All infantry units use old Spanish or Czech rifles.
2. The heavy weapons platoons are equipped in Guatemala and Zacapa with caliber 50 or 30 Brownings. In the rest of the departments they are equipped with Hocht.
3. According to source the only 81 mm. mortars in existence are in the capital and he does not believe that there are more than 16.
4. Source believes there are only 18 60 mm. mortars with very limited ammunition.
5. Source states that he believes that only the units within the city are in a state of preparedness as they have received training under the auspices of the Escuela de Armas y Servicios. The last maneuvers that these troops conducted were classified as "good." Source believes that the only zone that could mobilize rapidly and probably not be surprised is Zacapa. This he has on fairly good authority from friends of the commanding officer of that garrison. Source is endeavoring to check the state of readiness of each of the other garrisons.

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Additional Presidential Garrison

This is a special presidential guard battalion and is not included in the above Order of Battle report.

Presidential Guard:

Chiefs and officials 30
Officials of the presidential guard (special battalion) 14

Presidential Guard Battalion

✓ Three infantry companies 116 each
Total 348

Equipment:

Officers: 44 caliber 45 submachine guns
44 caliber 45 automatic pistols
Troops: 36 "Mendoza" machine guns
350 Czech 7.8 mm. rifles
undetermined number caliber 50 machine guns
" " " 30 " "
" " 60 mm. mortars

Organization of the companies:

	Officers	Men
Four platoons	4	116
Each platoon 3 squads	1	29
Each squad		9

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ORGANIZATION OF MILITARY UNITS OF THE GUATEMALAN ARMY

Regimental Staff	9	22
Staff and services company attached to regiment	5	64
Infantry battalion		
Battalion staff	5	24
Heavy weapons company	5	53
Infantry company	7	141
Tank company	5	65
Anti-tank platoon (37 mm)	2	29
Artillery battery	6	60

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MEMORANDUM

TO : Jerome C. DUNBAR

FROM: LUGTON

The following list was delivered to LUGTON
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reports on the Guardias Civil, Judicial and
Hacienda. No further sourcing is available.

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Total Strength of Guardias Civil, Judicial and Hacienda

	Officers	Men
Dirección General		
Guardia Judicial	2	175
Guardia Civil	2	286
First Unit	8	665
Second Unit	5	365
Total in the capital	22	1491

<u>Cobán</u>		
Guardia Civil	4	49
Guardia de Hacienda	-	15
<u>Ayutla</u>		
Guardia Civil	1	12
Guardia de Hacienda	-	19
<u>Salamá</u>		
Guardia Civil	4	45
Guardia de Hacienda	-	10
<u>Champerico</u>		
Guardia Civil	1	11
Guardia de Hacienda	-	9
<u>Chimaltenango</u>		
Guardia Civil	4	48
Guardia de Hacienda	-	15
<u>Chiquimula</u>		
Guardia Civil	9	115
Guardia de Hacienda	2	77
<u>Huehuetenango</u>		
Guardia Civil	7	55
Guardia de Hacienda	-	38
<u>Izabal</u>		
Guardia Civil	22	107
Guardia de Hacienda	-	38

<u>Jalapa</u>		
Guardia Civil	6	45
Guardia de Hacienda	-	11
<u>Jutiapa</u>		
Guardia Civil	12	133
Guardia de Hacienda	2	66
<u>Livingston</u>		
Guardia de Hacienda	-	13
<u>Petén</u>		
Guardia Civil	4	55
Guardia de Hacienda	2	27
<u>El Progreso</u>		
Guardia Civil	5	46
Guardia de Hacienda	-	9
<u>Quezaltenango</u>		
Guardia Civil	9	127
Guardia de Hacienda	-	23
<u>Quiché</u>		
Guardia Civil	8	54
Guardia de Hacienda	-	12
<u>Retalhuleo</u>		
Guardia Civil	6	52
Guardia de Hacienda	-	9
<u>Sacatepequez</u>		
Guardia Civil	4	46
Guardia de Hacienda	-	9
<u>Puerto de San José</u>		
Guardia Civil	1	12
Guardia de Hacienda	1	16
<u>San Marcos</u>		
Guardia Civil	9	72
Guardia de Hacienda	1	130

Santa Rosa

Guardia Civil	8	71
Guardia de Hacienda	-	9

Sololá

Guardia Civil	5	41
Guardia de Hacienda	-	12

Suchitepéquez

Guardia Civil	9	83
Guardia de Hacienda	-	11

Totonicapán

Guardia Civil	5	40
Guardia de Hacienda	0	9

Zacapa

Guardia Civil	6	82
Guardia de Hacienda	-	12

General Total	179	3452
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Total for Guardia Civil	170	2853
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Total for Guardia de Hacienda	9	599
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Note: Normal equipment: Guardia Civil - 38 caliber revolver
Guardia de Hacienda - 7 mm. pistol
Dirección General - 200 "Mendoza" machine gun
and 150 rifles

GUATEMALA - MILITARY - ARMORED VEHICLES

On hand in Guat Army as per March 1953:

6 ea Tanks M3A1 (1 37mm; 1 50 cal., 1 30 cal)
4 ea Tanks, Marmon Harrington. Same arm.
4 ea Scout Cars (50 cal MG, 30 cal MG)

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